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1. After the Nationalist air-raids of May 1950, Chinese Communist and Soviet-piloted jet fighter planes began patrolling the Shanghai area daily.
2. About two thousand Soviet military and civilian personnel are billeted in Shanghai and its suburbs. Their requirements for billets and supplies put heavy pressure on the local authorities. Many Soviets have stopped Chinese on the streets and taken watches, jewelry and other belongings from them. When the Chinese authorities complained to the Soviet authorities, some of the Soviet personnel in Shanghai were replaced. But the newcomers were as great a problem as their predecessors. The Public Safety Bureau has armed security police patrols throughout the city and has warned the population not to appear on the streets with jewelry or good clothing.
3. Although there is no daily house security check, intensive and thorough census surveys are made from time to time. These surveys appear to be directed towards picking up Nationalist underground elements and the unemployed. In order to receive a rice ration, all unemployed persons must register with their local labor office, which furnishes a list to the local authorities for delivery of rations.
4. Unemployed persons are forced to take vocational training and to attend Communist cell meetings. During training, individuals receive fifty catties of rice per month. At the conclusion of the training, the individual is notified by letter to report for a job. If he fails to appear at the time and place directed, he is arrested by the security police. He is put at hard labor, cut off from rice rations, given only one month's salary (about JPY 220,000), and his family is told nothing of his whereabouts.

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